Fast Track Courts in Karnataka

1464. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts sanctioned for Karnataka;

(b) how many Fast Track Courts, out of them, have so far been set up;

(c) the total amount sanctioned for these courts so far; and

(d) the number of pending cases proposed to be cleared by these Fast Track Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JA1TLEY): (a) The Eleventh Finance Commission has sanctioned 93 Fast Track Courts for the state of Karnataka.

(b) As per available information, so far 13 Fast Track Courts have been set up.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1086.74 lakhs has been released by the Ministry of Finance to the State of Karnataka.

(d) So far 527 cases have been transferred to the Fast Track Courts. More cases will be transferred and disposed of by these courts as and when further courts are established by the State.

Election Dates for Assembly Elections

1465. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the election to State Assemblies of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal will be held simultaneously;

(b)if so, whether election dates have been finalized by Government;

(c)whether photo identification would be mandatory for voters in all these States;

(d)whether Government are aware that Punjab's average of issuing voters cards is lower than the national average; and

(e)if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Election Commission has informed that it has decided to hold the general elections to the Legislative Assembilies of the States of